

**MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET**

(OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200)

**SECTION 1 - NAME AND PRODUCT**

Manufacturer: RMC PACIFIC MATERIALS, INC.  
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Product: **NATURAL FINE AND COARSE AGGREGATE**

Description: Common sand, gravel and crushed stone; sold as construction material in bulk quantities and included as a strengthening agent in Portland cement concrete and asphaltic concrete mixes. Specialty fine aggregate product with a maximum size of 0.132 inches is also sold as sand blasting agent.

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**SECTION 2 - CHEMICAL COMPOSITION**

<u>Components &amp; Chemical Formulas</u>	<u>CAS No.</u>	<u>ACGIH TLV</u>	<u>OSHA PEL</u>
Natural Fine Aggregate (Sand)	quartz (SiO <sub>2</sub> )*; 14808-60-7	0.1 mg/M <sup>3</sup>	0.1 mg/M <sup>3</sup>
Natural Coarse Aggregate (Gravel/Stone)	Feldspars; N/A	N/A	N/A
	Silicates N/A	N/A	N/A
	+ possible trace amounts of heavy metals		

\* quartz is a natural form of crystalline silica, see Section 5 warning

**SECTION 3 - PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Solubility in Water: negligible Specific Gravity: 1.8 to 2.5 + (depending upon mineral composition)

Following properties are not applicable: Boiling point, vapor pressure, vapor density, melting point, evaporation rate.

**SECTION 4 - FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA**

Aggregate material is noncombustible and not explosive.

**SECTION 5 - HEALTH HAZARD DATA**Acute Exposure: Small particles can irritate the eyes.

## SECTION 5 (Continued)

**Chronic Exposure:** Product may contain respirable crystalline silica in the form of natural quartz.

Prolonged exposure to high concentrations of respirable crystalline silica in the work place may cause silicosis and related pulmonary disease. In addition, a cancer health risk has been associated with respirable crystalline silica. Until an acceptable method for evaluating that risk is developed the following warning is required in the State of California.

**WARNING:** This product contains crystalline silica, a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

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## SECTION 6 - REACTIVITY DATA

Natural fine and coarse aggregate materials are chemically stable and will not decompose into hazardous by-products.

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## SECTION 7 - STORAGE, HANDLING AND USE

Avoid prolonged exposure in dusty environments.

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## SECTION 8 - PERSONAL PROTECTION INFORMATION

Respiratory protection and ventilation: Adhere to MSHA and OSHA requirements for exposure and the use of respirators in the work place (see Sections 9 and 10).

Eye protection: Avoid eye contact by wearing tight fitting goggles or safety glasses with side shields when actively working with natural aggregate material.

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## SECTION 9 - SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS

In confined areas ventilation and dust collecting equipment can, if necessary, be used to control and maintain airborne dust at required levels. These precautions are especially important for sand blasting operations that use natural fine aggregate (see Section 10).

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## SECTION 10 - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

MSHA work place threshold limit values (TLV's) continue to vary with % quartz in dust. It is currently proposed to return OSHA personal exposure limits (PEL's) to previous variable formulas that are the same as that used by

$$MSHA TLV = \frac{10}{\%silica + 2}$$

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Currently proposed OSHA PEL standard will conform to the above MSHA formula for respirable quartz and 3 times that value for total quartz in a sample of dust material. Revisions to both MSHA and OSHA standards are expected in 1993. Contact OSHA or MSHA for latest regulations regarding worker protection from quartz-bearing dust.